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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON**  
**GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

Wednesday, September 13, 2017                      12:00 p.m.                      Room 307, House Office Building

The House Committee on Government Operations was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Lee Chatfield.

Chair Chatfield requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Members present: Representatives Chatfield, Lauwers, Barrett, Singh, and Greig  
Members absent/excused: None

Representative Barrett moved to adopt the minutes from the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

There being no objection, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the committee:

HB 4856 (Tedder)                      Holidays; other; "Patriot Week" in Michigan; designate.

Chair Chatfield invited Representative Tedder along with Areyon Jackson, representing Cornerstone Leadership and Business High School, and Judge Michael Warren to testify in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Matt Sowash, representing the Police Officers Association of Michigan, submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Melissa McKinley representing the Michigan Fire Service Coalition, which is made up of the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union, the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society, The Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association, The Michigan State Fireman's Association, and the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs, submitted a card in support of the bill but did not wish to speak.

Chair Chatfield laid the following before the committee:

HJR V (Chatfield)                      Legislature; other; application for a convention of the states under article V of the United States Constitution; provide for.

Chair Chatfield handed the gavel over to Vice Chair Lauwers the time being 12:27 p.m.

Vice Chair Lauwers invited Chair Chatfield and David Snyder, representing the Convention of States, to testify in support of the joint resolution. Questions and discussion followed.

Chair Chatfield reclaimed the gavel, the time being 12:48 p.m.

Representative Singh offered the following amendments to HJR V:

1. Amend the title to read as follows:

A joint resolution to petition the Congress of the United States to call a convention to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, require each state to establish a nonpartisan redistricting commission, and limit the terms of office for federal officials and members of Congress.

2. Amend page 2, line 17, after "government," by inserting "require each state to establish a nonpartisan redistricting commission,".

The motion did not prevail by a vote of 2-3-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Singh, Greig

NAYS: Representatives Chatfield, Lauwers, Barrett

PASS: None.

Representative Singh offered the following amendment to HJR V:

1. Amend page 2, line 16, after "government," by inserting "as long as Social Security and Medicare are fully funded".

The motion did not prevail by a vote of 2-3-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Singh, Greig

NAYS: Representatives Chatfield, Lauwers, Barrett

PASS: None.

Representative Greig offered the following amendments to HJR V:

1. Amend the title to read as follows:

A joint resolution to petition the Congress of the United States to call a convention to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, create an equal rights amendment, and limit the terms of office for federal officials and members of Congress.”.

2. Amend page 2, line 17, after "government," by inserting "create an equal rights

amendment,".

The motion did not prevail by a vote of 2-3-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Singh, Greig

NAYS: Representatives Chatfield, Lauwers, Barrett

PASS: None.

Representative Singh offered the following amendment to HJR V:

1. Amend page 2, line 16, after "government" by inserting "as long as proper funding is available for national emergencies including war or other military actions".

The motion did not prevail by a vote of 2-3-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Singh, Greig

NAYS: Representatives Chatfield, Lauwers, Barrett

PASS: None.

Representative Lauwers moved to report HJR V with recommendation.

The motion prevailed with a vote of 3-2-0

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Chatfield, Lauwers, Barrett

NAYS: Representatives Singh, Greig

PASS: None.

Representative Singh spoke regarding the joint resolution.

Rachel Richards, representing the Michigan League for Public Policy submitted a card in opposition to HJR V, but did not wish to speak.

Donald Regan, representing the Convention of States, submitted a card in support of HJR V, but did not wish to speak.

Harold B. Ruder, representing the Convention of States, submitted a card in support of HJR V, but did not wish to speak.

John W. Zull, representing the Convention of States, submitted a card in support of HJR V, but did not wish to speak.

Catherine Zemanek, representing the Convention of States, submitted a card in support of HJR V, but did not wish to speak.

Kathy Clark, representing the Convention of States, submitted a card in support of HJR V, but did not wish to speak.

Ryan Meilstrup, representing the Convention of States, submitted a card in support of HJR V, but did not wish to speak.

Dave Schneider, representing the Convention of States, submitted a card in support of HJR V, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid before the committee:

HJR R	(Yaroch)	Legislature; sessions; unicameral nonpartisan legislature; provide for.
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Chair Chatfield invited Representative Yaroch to testify in support of the joint resolution. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 1:09 p.m.

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Representative Lee Chatfield, Chair

Taylor Thrush  
Acting Committee Clerk  
September 13, 2017  
69 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed